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DOCKET NO. 2018-358-WS

Verified Application of Blue Granite Water Company (formerly known as Carolina Water Service, Inc.) for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses**

****THIS APPLICATION CONTAINS A PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE FOLLOWING CHARGES: WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMODITY CHARGES AND SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT CHARGES**

Blue Granite Water Company (BGWC or the Company), formerly known as Carolina Water Service, Inc. has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) an Application for, in part, approval of annual rate adjustment mechanisms (procedures) for purchased water expenses and wastewater treatment expenses and the proposed 2019 rate adjustments (or increases, please see Verified Application), including approval of the Company's request to recover previously deferred purchased water and wastewater treatment expense amounts for the period of March 2018 to January 2019, as shown on Exhibits D, E, F, and G of the Application. The Company also requests authority to continue to defer the Company's purchased water and wastewater treatment expenses (above or below the amounts reflected in base rates) caused by changes in third party provider rates, until such expenses are reflected in rates. As justification for the Application, the Application states that BGWC purchases water from approximately 13 third party providers, a number which may increase in the future. The Application states further that the Company purchases wastewater treatment services from 6 third party providers, a number which may also increase in the future. Since mid-2017, the Company has experienced wholesale rate increases from eight of its purchased water providers and has experienced wholesale rate increases from two of its wastewater treatment providers. Collectively, these ten wholesale rate increases amount to over \$1,000,000 annually.

The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§58-5-210, 58-5-220, and 58-5-240, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503, 103-703, 103-823 and 103-825, and all other applicable statutes and regulations of the Commission.

A copy of the company's Verified Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-358-WS. Additionally, a copy of the Verified Application is available from the corporate office of Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire and Samuel J. Wellborn, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, Post Office Box 11449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 6, 2019**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-358-WS and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **May 6, 2019. Please refer to Docket No. 2018-358-WS.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order No. 2018-790, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10:00**

a.m., before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through June 19, 2019, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only)

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **5/21/2019**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/28/2019**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **6/4/2019**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under **Docket No. 2018-358-WS**.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and **Docket No. 2018-358-WS**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.